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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action mailed April 25, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are being submitted by Applicants for consideration by the Examiner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 14-27 to read as follows:

Through the use of the inventive methodology it was unexpectedly discovered that polyarylate copolymers, prepared by the condensation of a tyrosine-derived diphenol compound and a dicarboxylic acid, and having an ether linkage in either the polymer backbone or the polymer side chain were good cell growth substrates despite being very hydrophobic. Therefore, according to another aspect of the present invention, polyarylates are provided having repeating units with the structure of Formula I:

